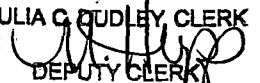


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION

AL-QAHIRA JIHAD AL-MATEEN)
BAKRA,)
Plaintiff,)

Civil Action No. 7:15-cv-00565

v.)

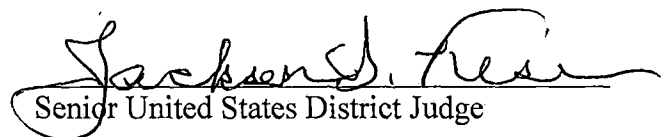
MEMORANDUM OPINION

DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES, et al.,)
Defendants.)

By: Hon. Jackson L. Kiser
Senior United States District Judge

Al-Qahira Jihad Al-Mateen Bakra¹, a Virginia inmate proceeding pro se, filed a complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 naming the Department of Social Services and the Commonwealth of Virginia as defendants. Neither the Commonwealth of Virginia nor its administrative department is a proper “person” for purposes of § 1983. Will v. Michigan Dep’t of State Police, 491 U.S. 58, 70 (1989). Accordingly, I dismiss the complaint without prejudice as frivolous pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1) for pursuing a meritless legal theory against these entities. See, e.g., Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 327 (1989).

ENTER: This 4th day of December, 2015.


Senior United States District Judge

¹ Bakra was formerly known as Mark Edward Robinson.